

TO: Public Works Committee
FROM: Joseph Norman, Senior Engineer
DATE: February 20, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Pavement Maintenance Project, Authority to Solicit Bids

1) Recommended Action:

Staff requests the Public Works Committee authorize staff to (1) solicit bids for the 2025 Pavement Maintenance project; (2) recommend City Council award and authorize the Mayor to sign a Public Works Contract with the lowest responsible bidder; (3) recommend City Council authorize road closures and detours as required for the duration of the project; (4) recommend City Council authorize night work adjacent to residentially zoned properties when necessary to reduce impacts to the public and avoid impact to critical public services; and (5) staff requests that the Public Works Committee recommend the City Council increase the change order authority provided to the Transportation and Engineering Director under Tumwater Municipal Code 2.14.060 to 20 percent for this project.

2) Background:

Staff has developed the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) funded 2025 Pavement Maintenance project to meet the needs of the pavement preservation program, proposed 10-year TBD segments, and the priorities map utilized when approaching citizens regarding formation of the TBD. This year's project includes a blend of arterials, collectors, and local residential streets. The project focuses on pavement rehabilitation and overlays, but will also include curb ramp replacement, crack sealing, and City-wide pavement markings.

A request for an increase to the change order authority provided to the Transportation and Engineering Director in the Municipal Code from 10% of the contract bid amount to 20% of the contract bid amount due to the nature of pavement maintenance work. Paving projects are fast-paced; most of the expensive work for the project will occur this summer in less than two months' time. Staff require the ability to react to project changes quickly to avoid project delay claims. An increase in change order authority would also open up the option of moving street segments with planned future maintenance forward if the bid prices are favorable.

The Engineer's estimate for construction is \$4,000,000. As with previous maintenance projects, staff will have the ability to add or delete street segments to stay within the approved project budget.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priorities and Goals 2025-2026:

Create and Maintain a Transportation System Safe for All Modes of Travel – Continue improving the maintenance of the transportation system.

4) Alternatives:

- Do not authorize staff to solicit bids
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5) Fiscal Notes:

The majority of funding for this project comes from the Transportation Benefit District. Items may be paid through Transportation, Sewer, and Storm CFP as applicable.

6) Attachments:

- A. Paving Schedule Vicinity Map
- B. Citywide Striping Limits